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TAGS: EAIR, IATA, VN, LA, CB
SUBJECT: CIVAIR: INDOCHINA OVERFLIGHTS

REF: VIENTIANE 424

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1. SUMMARY. IATA REP SAYS NO CIVAIR TALKS HAVE BEEN HELD
WITH CAMBODIANS, CONFIRMS THAT LAO ARE BALKING ON OVERFLIGHT
FEES, AND SAYS FRENCH WILL SIGN AIR AGREEMENT WITH SRV IN
APRIL. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBOFF SPOKE WITH IATA ASIA/SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL DIRECTOR
MCGOWAN, WHO RETURNED FROM VIENTIANE AND HANOI FOUR DAYS AGO.

3. ACCORDING TO MCGOWAN, SRV AVIATION OFFICIALS SEEM MUCH MORE
TRACTABLE ON QUESTION OF OVERFLIGHT FEES. LAOS, HOWEVER, IS STILL
HOLDING TO HIGH FEES ALTHOUGH MCGOWAN FEELS IT IS ONLY A MATTER
OF TIME UNTIL THEY COME DOWN. NO REPEAT NO DISCUSSIONS
HAVE BEEN HELD WITH CAMBODIANS; VIETS OFFERED, IF AGREEMENT
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REACHED WITH SRV BUT NOT WITH PDRL, TO ALLOW AIRLINES
TO CUT OFF THE SOUTHERN TIP OF SRV -- OVERFLYING
SAIGON -- IN ORDER TO SOMEWHAT SHORTEN LEG AROUND
INDOCHINA. THIS IS OTHER ROUTE HAMMARSKJOLD REFERRED
TO. VIETS ALSO REFERRED TO AIRLINE PROBLEMS WHEN THEY
PROMULGATE THEIR NATIONAL TERRITORY TO INCLUDE PARACELS
AND SPRATLEYS. AIRLINES NOT HAVING OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS

WOULD BE FORCED INTO MUCH LONGER DETOUR. MCGOWAN'S RESPONSE WAS THAT THAT IS A MATTER FOR ICAO, NOT IATA, TO DISCUSS.

4. MCGOWAN SAYS THE LAO HAVE BEEN PIQUED AT IATA, AS REPS ON THEIR WAY TO HANOI PASS THROUGH VIENTIENE FREQUENTLY, BUT HAVE HAD NO FORMAL TALKS WITH LAO CIVAIR OFFICIALS. MCGOWAN AND CUNNINGHAM, IATA TECHNICAL MAN IN AREA, HAVE SPOKEN INFORMALLY WITH LAO DCA.

5. MCGOWAN SAID HE WAS TOLD BY THE SRV DIRECTOR GENERAL, GENERAL CIVIL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, PHUNG THE TAI, THAT PHUNG WILL TRAVEL TO PARIS ABOUT APRIL 23 TO SIGN AN AIR TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT WITH FRENCH, WHO WILL THUS PROBABLY BE THE FIRST FOREIGN FLAG CARRIER BACK INTO VIETNAM.

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